

BRIDGEPORT AS IT WAS

100-50-20-YEARS AGO

(Taken from the Files of The Evening Farmer)

ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO

WELLINGTON ON TO FRANCE.

London, Aug. 1, 1815. We have heard that the Duke of Wellington is about to lead the greater part of the British army now in France, towards the Loire, and it is understood that the Duke will be permitted to accept a commission from the Allied sovereigns for uniting their corps to the British, and taking the command of the whole against the Kaiser, Napoleon, on the centre and south of the kingdom.

ESTATE OF REBECCA RAYMOND.

We, the subscribers, being by the Honorable Court of Probate for the district of New York, appointed commissioners to receive, examine and adjust the claims of the creditors to the estate of REBECCA RAYMOND, late of said New York, deceased, now represented insolvent, hereby give notice of four months, from the 7th day of October, 1815, we will attend to the business of our appointment, at the dwelling house of James Quintard, in said New York, on the second Tuesday of November and last Thursday of January next, at 1 o'clock in the afternoon of each said day. All accounts must be properly attested and six months from the 7th day of August last, is limited, by said court, for all accounts to be exhibited. HENRIK H. RAYMOND, HENRY CHICHESTER, BARNABAS MARVIN, Commissioners. New York, Sept. 4, 1815.

FIFTY YEARS AGO.

ARTEMUS WARD ON THE SHAKERS.

The Shakers is the strangest religious sect I ever met. I'd heard tell of 'em and I'd seen 'em with their broad brim'd hats and long waist'd coats; but I'd never seen 'em till I went to New York and got 'em down as lockin' intellect, as I'd never seen 'em to my show—least ways, if they own they were disgraced in white people's eyes, so I didn't know 'em. But in the Spring of 18—, I got swamped in the exterior of New York state, one dark and stormy night, when the winds blew pitilessly and I was forced to tie up with the Shakers.

I was told 'em true the mud, when in the dim vista of the future, I observed the gleam of a galler candle. Their a bonnet's nest to any of home's tail to kinder encourage 'em, I soon reached the place. I knock'd at the door, which it was opened unto me by a tall, stick-thin, solemn looking individual, who turned out to be an Elder. "Mr. Shaker," said I, "you see before you a Babe in the Woods, so to speak, and he axes shelter of you."

"Yay," said the Shaker, and he led the way into the house, another Shaker bent 'em to put my homies and wags in under liver. A solemn female, lookin' somewhat like a last year's bean-pole stuck into a long, lean, bean, cum in and axed me was I a thurster and did I hummer? to which I unobtrusively answered "a few."

"She went off and I ended up to open a conversashun with the old man. "Elder, I spect," sez I. "Yay," sez he. "Health's good, I reckon?" sez I. "Yay," sez he. "What's the wages of an Elder when he undertakes his business; or do you devote your services gratuitous?" sez I.

"Yay," he sez. "Stormy night, sir." "Yay." "If the storm continues there'll be a mess underfoot, hay?" "Yay."

"If I may be bold, kind sir, what's the price of that peacote kind of weskit you wear, includin' trimmings?" "I payed a minit, and then, thinkin' I'd be fashus with him an' see how that would go, I slapt him on the shoulder, bust into a harty laf, an' told him that as a YAYER he had no livin' ekal."

He humpt up as if billia water had bin squirted into his eyes, groaned, rolled his eyes up towards the ceiling, and sez, "Yay, my friend, sin!" He then walkt out of the room.

Just then the female in the bag stuck her hed into the room and staid that refreshment awaited the weary traveller. Dr. J. sez I, "I wuz vittles she ment the weary traveller was agreeable, an' I follered her into the nex' room."

I set down to the table and the female in the meal bag poured out some tea. She sez nothin', and for five minutes the only live thing in the room was a old wooden clock, which ticked in a subdued and bashful manner in the corner.

This dethly stillness made me on-easy and I determined to talk to the female or bust. So sez I, "Marriage is agin your rule, I bleeve marm?" "Yay."

"The sexes live strictly apart, I spect," sez I. "Yay," sez she. "It's kinder singler," sez I, puttin on my most sweetest look and speakin in a winnin voice, "that so fair a maid as thou never got hitched to some likely feller?" (N. B.—She wuz upwards of 40 and homely as a stump fence, but I thawt I'd tikl her.)

"I don't like men!" she sez very short. "Wall, umno," sez I, "where a rayther important part of the population. I don't scarcely see how we could git along without 'em."

"Us poor wimmin folks would get along a grate deal better if there wuz no men," sez she. "You'll excuse me marm, but I don't think that air would work. It wouldn't be regular," sez I. "I'm afraid of men," sez she. "That's unnecessary marm. You stin in no danger. Don't fret yourself on that point."

"Here we're shut out from the sinful world, here all is peace. Here we are brothers and sisters. We don't sharry and consensitively we have no domestic troubles. I understand, don't some their wivies don't want their husbands. There's no children to worrit us. Nuthin ti worrit us here. Would thou like to be a Shaker?" all that sez she. "No," sez I, "I ain't my atle." (Continued.)

Farmer Want Ads. One Cent a Word.

TWENTY YEARS AGO.

LOCAL BRIEFS.

John Conroy and Miss Mamie Murphy, both of this city, were married at St. Mary's church this afternoon by Rev. Father Rogers.

W. T. Hartwell has resigned his agency with the Hancock Life Insurance Co. to accept a situation as organizer for a benefit order.

Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Welch, who have just returned from their wedding tour, entertained friends last evening at their home on Howard avenue.

The engagement is announced of Sherman Hartwell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sherman H. Hubbard, and daughter of the late Chief Justice John Ludell of Louisiana, to Charles Frederick Starnis, secretary and treasurer of the Plush factory.

While in Ireland, C. Ford Seely, recently rased on Ball's Bridge track, where he is reported to have accomplished a hat-trick in 1 minute 4 seconds, which is faster than he has ever done at home.

MIGHTY HATER, DAN.

Ex-County Commissioner Daniel Rowland has been in Newtown for a few days, as the guest of ex-Commissioner Houltham. While there he spent most of his time hunting with good success. Yesterday he shot 20 partridges and 10 woodcock. He brought the birds home this morning and presented them to his friends.

Col. T. J. Murphy is suffering from injuries received by a fall from a trolley car while on the way to Stratford Thursday evening.

Edward W. Smith's house on Seaview avenue is being generally overhauled and put in order. Mr. Smith will probably occupy it himself next winter.

AT THE THEATRES.

Edward Harrigan in "Old Lavenham" at the Park City tonight. The night life of a great city is an interesting environment for any romance or drama. "The White Rat," the new comedy drama by E. N. Stephens, has the advantage of such an environment. "The White Rat" will show at the Park City Monday evening.

"Old Glory" comes to the Park City theatre Tuesday evening. It is a melodrama in four acts, by Charles T. Vincent and William Brady.

WAS STRUCK DUMB.

Patrick Casey, the 16-year-old son of John Casey, of 2 Water street, is suffering from a peculiar case of paralysis of the vocal chords and cannot speak. Thursday afternoon the boy complained of feeling ill and retired to bed but as he had been a little under the weather of late little was thought of the matter, more than that it was a continuation of his illness, which was thought to be a slight indisposition.

At supper time the boy's step-mother thought that she heard a peculiar noise from his room, and going to see what the boy was doing, she found him endeavoring to speak but had lost the power of speech. Dr. Martin is attending the case. On account of the boy's youth it is thought the paralysis is only temporary.

HOME FROM EUROPE.

The wife of Dr. John C. Lynch arrived home from Europe Saturday evening after a month's absence, much improved by her journey abroad. Mrs. Lynch accompanied her brother-in-law, T. E. Bourke, of Hartford, who went abroad for his health.

American To Preach

In London Temple

London, Oct. 5.—The question of a successor to the Rev. R. J. Campbell, of the Temple, the cathedral of Nonconformity, in London, is widely discussed. Among those mentioned are Professor Hugh Black of the Union Theological Seminary in New York, and Dr. J. J. Joseph of the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian church in New York, who has been preaching in Great Britain this summer for three months. When he left Birmingham on his way to America, he profusely remarked that in going from Birmingham to London via Fifth Avenue, he was taking an unnecessary long route.

Campbell, by the way, has authorized the public statement that "he is not taking any immediate steps of any kind in respect to a possible change of communion." London papers having announced that he contemplated joining the Church of England.

CLOCKS INVENTED IN THIRTEENTH CENTURY

Q. Kindly advise me as to how long clocks have been in existence? A. The earliest clocks seem to have come into use in Europe during the 13th century, although there is evidence that they may have been invented some centuries sooner, yet until that date there were probably only curioisities. The firm that they took was that of a balance clock, the invention of which is ascribed, but on very insufficient grounds, to Pope Silver II, in A. D. 996.

WOMEN MAY BE STRONG

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An order for 2,000,000 pounds of frozen meat was received by Morris & Co. of Chicago from the Italian government.

Twenty-nine passengers and 50 members of the crew of the British steamer Highland Warrior, which went ashore on Cape Prior, Spain, were rescued.

SPECIAL BOSTON FERNS 19c EACH. JOHN RECK & SON.

Gaffney, Requested To Resign, Will Talk on German Side of War



THOMAS ST. JOHN GAFFNEY

Thomas St. John Gaffney, whose resignation as United States consul general at Munich was requested by the administration, will, it is reported, go on the lecture platform in America on behalf of Germany. Mr. Gaffney has been charged with writing anti-British articles for publication, also with writing a commendatory letter to a publication which had been running a series of articles attacking the American government for its attitude in the war. His friendship for Sir Roger Casement, foe of the British government, has also been criticised.

There was living in Van city at that time Prince Ishkham, an Armenian, who had formerly been useful to the government in settling troubles between the Turks and the Armenians. He was asked by Jevded to go to the villages and try to reconcile the contending parties. Jevded addressed the Prince as his "dear friend."

The Prince, unaware of the plot, started out with a number of advisers. The entire party was slaughtered by a party of Jevded's horsemen while taking lunch at a coffee house.

At this time also there was in Van an Armenian member of the Turkish Parliament by the name of Vramian, who was invited by Jevded to call on him at headquarters. On arrival at headquarters Vramian was arrested, a large stone was tied to his feet and he was thrown into a lake and drowned.

The Russians were now reported on the advance. Talaat Bey published a warning against the Armenians parading in a party of dire punishment. But the story of the massacre in the isolated parts was carried by survivors, and the Armenians prepared to act themselves as deadly as possible, the peaceful element as well as the revolutionaries. Jevded then called on the Armenian Bishop to visit him. The Bishop refused.

Thereupon Jevded descended upon the "rebellious" city of Van with an army of 8,000 Turks and Kurds and called on the people to lay down their arms, surrender without conditions and trust to the clemency of the sultan. This offer was made through the Italian consul.

Of the 50,000 Armenians in Van, only 450 were armed—250 with rifles and the rest with revolvers. For 25 days this handful defended the city. On the 30th day, General Oganessov arrived with his Armenian volunteers and Russian regulars and the Turks retreated.

Conditions were at that time frightful, as the only doctor in the city to look after the sick and wounded had been Dr. Allen, an American missionary. But with the Russian military help, and doctors and nurses soon arrived from Tiflis. Committees were appointed to aid the sufferers, and the peasants started in to till the fields and rebuild their homes.

English Telegraph Rates to Increase. London, Oct. 5.—Along with the rise in the price of nearly everything else, the telegraph rate in the United Kingdom will probably soon be raised. It is reported that the postal authorities the telegraph lines are government-controlled in Great Britain—are considering increasing from 12 to 18 cents the rate for sending a 12-word message, address and signature, to be counted as words as heretofore. The 12-cent rate has been in force 20 years.

Joseph Haas, secretary of the Board of Estimate, on Oct. 1 completed 45 years of uninterrupted service in the government of New York city.

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Britons Grow Envious of American Trade

London, Oct. 5.—During June, July and August there were imported from America over 5,500 motor cars complete, valued at over 1,000,000 pounds, while in addition there were over 500 chassis, valued at 220,000 pounds, and tires, tubes and other parts valued at over 600,000 pounds. These figures were given in the Commons, where there is a growing disposition to put some tax on such importations, and many newspapers are urging such action.

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TURKS MASSACRE ARMENIANS AND LAY SIEGE TO VAN

Thousands of Peasant Fall Victims Soldiers of Jevded Pasha

London, Oct. 5.—Details of the siege of Van and the massacre of Armenians by the Turks are given in the current issue of the Near East, which fixes the responsibility for the crime on Jevded Pasha. It was on Jevded Pasha also that the refugee American missionaries, in the story of their sufferings recounted to the Associated Press correspondent at Petrograd this week, laid the guilt. Jevded is the supreme commander of the Turkish army operating in this province.

Van, the ancient capital of the Armenian Arzund dynasty, was occupied by the Russian army in its advance in the Caucasus during the first week of last May. The Russian commander, General Oganessov, who is assisted by a long before Van fell to the Armenian revolutionary, Andranig, who had fought with the Bulgarians against the Turks in the first Balkan war, laid the blame for the massacre of the Armenians on the Russian government.

The massacre began at Shadokh, a large and isolated village, where not a man was spared except those over 60 years of age. Of the women, the more comely were carried away by the Turkish soldiers and Kurds of Vramian. The massacre was carried out systematically in the entire province of Van beginning with the outlying villages. Great care was taken to prevent rumors of this from reaching the capital.

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EXTRACT BULLET FROM SOLDIER'S HEART; HE LIVES

Delicate Operation Reported Through German Medical Board.

Berlin, Oct. 5.—The opening of a chamber of the heart and extracting a bullet is reported by Professor Freund and Dr. Casperson in the current number of the Munich Medical Weekly. The patient was a young soldier who had recovered from a bullet wound through the liver. Upon X-ray examination preceding his discharge from the hospital, a foreign object was discerned in the heart. It hovered synchronously with the heart's pulsations, and the physicians decided that it was a shrapnel bullet.

To prevent possible dangerous complications it was determined to remove the bullet. The breast was opened, the pericardium slit sufficiently to permit the heart to be brought forward, a quick incision was made in the right ventricle and the bullet was immediately found and removed. Much blood was lost, but the bleeding stopped after prompt stitching, and the patient made a complete recovery.

The bullet, which weighed 12 grams, had taken a most erratic and extraordinary course. It struck the soldier long before he was wounded, as he was, storming forward, inflicting but a flesh wound. It passed down and diagonally across the body, barely marking the skin, was deflected by a cartridge box and entered the liver, passing completely through it into the vena cava, one of the two trunk veins that empty into the heart. The blood stream conveyed it thence into the right ventricle of the heart.

German Veterans Again Find Work In Army Barracks. Berlin, Oct. 5.—The man who probably is the oldest to serve actively in the German army is 87-year-old Chief Hospital Inspector Engel of Thale, who went through the campaign of 1870-71 as hospital inspector, then became barracks inspector, retired five years ago on a pension and then enlisted for the present war. He was first called upon to organize a hospital in Oeschersleben, and then was put in charge of the institution in Thale, with its 468 beds.

Max Metzger of Landau of the Palatinate, aged 70, another veteran of 1870, is one of the comparatively few whose son and grandson are active serving along with him in the war. He volunteered from Karlsruhe last fall, and now is a non-commissioned officer in the Grenadier Body Guards. His son, Siegmund Metzger, aged 44, is a corporal in a force stationed at Karlsruhe. The latter's son, 17 years old, is a non-commissioned officer in a Baden infantry regiment now at the front.

WAR ANTAGONISM IN CHINA DISPLAYED AT MOVIES AND IN CLUBS. Peking, Oct. 4.—Numerous incidents of a disagreeable social nature are occurring in the foreign settlements in the Treaty Ports of China. The only foreign place of amusement in Peking, a moving picture show run by an East Indian British subject, was raided recently by some Austrian marines of the Austrian Legation Guard, because a British "animated cartoon" was uncomplimentary to the Emperors William and Francis Joseph.

But the most peculiar incident has occurred in Shanghai, where the German members of a club were requested to remain away from the club house during the war. The overwhelming number of Britishers object to their presence. The Germans went to the club and took away many cups and other silver trophies, and are now retaining them, threatening to melt them into syces (lump silver) unless their entrance fees and dues paid to the club are returned to them.

Walter S. Cash Is Sued For \$800 By Two Finkelstones. Attorney Lawrence S. Finklestone and Gertrude Finklestone have brought proceedings in the civil superior court to foreclose property on North avenue near Park avenue. The defendant in the action is Walter S. Cash of New Haven. It is alleged that a note for \$800 was given by the plaintiff to procure a loan made by Attorneys Fallon & Greenstein on the property. Later the note was transferred to Attorney and Mrs. Finklestone. The suit is returnable to the October term.

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